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EXTRA.

DRUGGED
AND ROBBED?

The Strange Plight of James
W. Clift, of Phila-
delphia.

FOUND IN THE VAN DYKE HOUSE

An Effort Had Been Made to
Collect Money in Wall Street
in His Name.

WAS HE HELD AS A PRISONER?

Had Been Missing from Home Three
Weeks When Found by an
"Evening World" Man.

If the story told by James W. Clift, of 1712 Twentieth street, Philadelphia, is true, then the Van Dyke House, on the Bowery, at Bayard street, is the resort of thieves and thugs, for he claims that he was virtually kept a prisoner there for two weeks, and that his jailers robbed him of a large sum of money.

Mr. Clift was removed from the Van Dyke House this morning through the instrumentality of "The Evening World," and one of the persons concerned in the alleged robbery have been taken into custody by the police.

Another individual—a woman—is held as a material witness.

The fact that Mr. Clift was under duress in the Van Dyke House came to the knowledge of "The Evening World" through the efforts of certain persons interested in holding Mr. Clift a prisoner to negotiate an order for \$200 to which his name was attached.

One of the men who attempted to collect on this order was the night clerk of the Van Dyke House, known familiarly as "Eddy" to the habitués of the place.

"Eddy" went to No. 14 Wall street Monday morning looking, he said, for a man named Clifford, who supposedly held \$1,200 belonging to the prisoner in the Van Dyke House.

He had an order written in lead-pen upon Clifford for \$100. The body of the order was in a firm, bold hand, but the signature had been tremblingly written, and was scarcely legible.

Mr. Clift used to have a friend in Wall street by the name of Enos Runcie, or Runyon, and in affixing his name to that order it is believed that he did so with the idea that he was giving the name of a friend, who was to be notified of his detention and his condition, for at the time he penned the name he was very near death, as he is at this present moment.

Among other persons visited by "Eddy" in his search for this money was Supt. Sec. of the building at 14 and 15 Wall street. Later "Eddy" appeared at the Van Dyke House, and was met by Enos Runcie for \$200. A fac-simile of his note is given below.

It was found upon Eddy when he was taken into custody to-day by Inspector McLaughlin's men.

When Eddy tried to find Mr. Enos Runcie in Wall street, he asked many

for the privilege of standing in out of the rain. Mr. Clift bought a drink.

He remembered nothing more, this last account statement, until the next day, when he found himself sick in bed in room 24. He came to the conclusion that he had been drugged, and that the drug had been given him to make robbery easy.

He was too sick to move, and when an attaché of the hotel brought him some whiskey he drank it, and again went to sleep for an indefinite period.

To get back to the admissions made by the habitués of the Van Dyke House, there is but little question that Mr. Clift was drugged.

This query, addressed to Night Clerk Eddy in the presence of "The Evening World" reporter, in the little box-room back of the Van Dyke bar, by a man known to be a thief, and the answer given by Eddy, would seem to show that "knock-outs" are not uncommon there.

"Why don't you give the guy in room 24 a good stiff one, take his stuff and get rid of him?" asked the reporter.

"Oh, he's got enough now to him," said Eddy. "He'll be the third dead man here. As for his stuff, I've got his order for two hundred now, and I'll get more."

And then he exhibited the order, a fac-simile of which is given in this story.

Last night "The Evening World" reporter ascertained from Clift, through the medium of a third person who will be used as a witness against the prisoners, that Clift's address was 1721 Twentieth street, North Philadelphia.

A dispatch to that address brought the following immediate response:

"My son, James W. Clift, has been missing for three weeks. Do not know how much money he had. What is the trouble. Am almost distracted."

"JAZZIE CLIFT."

A second dispatch gave this description of Mrs. Clift's missing son: "Height five feet six inches; black hair, mustache; scar behind the left ear."

This description, barring the fact that Clift has a three-week's growth of beard on his face, fits Clift's very well.

Another dispatch asking "Clift" to send some one to take charge of her son, brought the response that his brother would start at once for New York.

"Too late! Too late!" Clift replied. "It is too late now."

Then Maggie insisted on a physician being summoned, and the night clerk, "Eddy," was sent over to Mr. Clift's office on Oliver street. The latter came and at a glance said that the chance against the man's recovery was as to 1. He gave orders for the summoning of an ambulance, but before the call had been sent out Detective Sergeant Clark, of Police Headquarters, with his partner, who had been detailed by Inspector McLaughlin on the case, arrived.

They saw Clift and were more than amazed at his extraordinary appearance. Clark rushed around to the Elizabeth street station and turned in a call for the ambulance. It was responded to by St. Vincent's Hospital, and to that place Clift was taken. It did not then seem that he could live an hour.

Detective Sergeant Clark and his partner then went through the house from top to bottom. They did not look for "knock-out drops" or anything of that kind. They wanted to get a tangible story of how the man had really been treated, why no medical aid had been summoned, and why his friends had not been notified.

They also wanted to know just how much money he had on entering the place and what was left.

"If of money," they found absolutely none. They did, however, gather much information, most of it of a conflicting nature. From it all, however, they decided to place "Eddy" under arrest as well as a woman who was supposed to have been interested in the case, "Maggie," who was also taken to Police Headquarters as the witness.

Later in the afternoon "Eddy" was taken to the Tombs Police Court and remanded in care of Detective-Sergeant Clark until to-morrow morning.

As to the Van Dyke House, now run by Mr. Flynn, it is but necessary to say that he at one time kept the place at the southwest corner of Pell street and the Bowery.

He lost his license some time ago, on account of a crusade undertaken by "The World" and the "Evening World," however, although the license is under a different name.

Until Flynn got control of the Van Dyke House, a few months ago, it was



DAVID B. HILL.

IT'S HARRY REED.

Fordham Stakes Only an Exercise Gallop for the Dwyer Youngster.

(Special to The Evening World.)

RACE TRACK, JEROME PARK, Sept. 26.—While the card offered at this track was an improvement in quality over that of the previous days, it would hardly arouse the talent into ecstasies. The fields, with one exception, were small, and the scratches reduced them materially.

In view of the existing circumstances, the attendance was small. Scarcely 1,500 persons were present. The weather was raw and chilly, but the track was in fine condition.

Maid Marian and Sandowne were withdrawn for the time being, a heavy handicap, at six furlongs, leaving four to start. Wernberg opened as an odds-on favorite, but the weight of the money bet on Black Hawk and Restraint, who opened at 30 to 1, and closed at 5 to 1 sent Wernberg's price back to 6 to 1.

Wernberg won, but it was only through Taral's vigorous riding. He led all the way, but turning into the stretch it looked as though Halton would win. Taral worked hard on the running, but Halton then got away from him, and he was unable to catch him. Restraint ran in his new last. She was sore and finished a bad last.

FIRST RACE.

Handicap sweepstakes of \$10 each, with \$500 added, for all ages; six furlongs.

Starters. Betting, St. Hill. Fin. Wernberg, 115 (Taral)..... 5-1 7-5 1 1/2 1/4 Halton, 105 (H. Jones)..... 4-1 7-5 4 2 1/2 Black Hawk, 105 (Graham)..... 2-1 2-1 2-1 Restraint, 115 (Bergen)..... 3-1 2-1 3 4

Wernberg led from start to finish, and won in drive by a length. In the stretch Halton came with a determined rush, but Taral outdrew Harry Jones, Black Hawk second, and Restraint third. Time—1:17 1/2.

Mutuels paid: Straight, \$10.50; place, \$5.25; Halton paid \$12.20 place.

SECOND RACE.

Handicap sweepstakes of \$10 each, with \$500 added, for three-year-olds and upward; one mile and sixteenth.

Starters. Betting, St. Hill. Fin. Redskin, 97 (Orlin)..... 4-5 out 2 1/2 1/4 Victrola, 105 (Penn)..... 1-2 out 1 1/2 1/4

Victrola, under a pull made the running to the stretch. Griffin then got Redskin going, and catching Victrola, won by three parts of a length. Time—1:50.

Mutuels paid: Straight, \$21.50.

THIRD RACE.

The Fordham stakes, for two-year-olds, sweepstakes of \$15 each, with \$1,000 added; four furlongs, straight.

Starters. Betting, St. Hill. Fin. Harry Reed, 115 (Daggett)..... 1-4 out 1 1/4 1/4 Kalula, 111 (W. Jones)..... 1-2 out 1 1/4 1/4 Ansett, 115 (Hamilton)..... 12-1 7-5 3 4 2 1/4 Counter Terror, 110 (Taral)..... 5-1 3-5 3 5 2 1/4

Harry Reed led all the way and won as he pleased, by two lengths. Kalula was second, and Ansett third. Time—0:49.

Mutuels paid: Straight, \$15.15; place, \$6.30; third, \$5.50. Kalula colt paid \$16.40; third, \$9.70. Ansett paid \$8.50 third.

FOURTH RACE.

Sweepstakes of \$10 each, with \$500 added; for

VALKYRIE WINS, GALLOPING.

Takes the Second Event from Juliet at Maspeth.

(Special to The Evening World.)

RACE TRACK, MASPETH, Sept. 26.—A light card was on for this afternoon, as the fourth race was the only one having a big field. The attendance was good, notwithstanding this, about 3,000 being on hand.

Several bookmakers decided to drop out, only fourteen doing business to-day. The weather was much more pleasant than yesterday. It was not raw and the wind was light.

It is thought here that the meeting of the Queens County Jockey Club, which will be opened to-morrow, will not interfere with this meeting to any extent.

FIRST RACE.

Six furlongs.

Starters. Betting, St. Hill. Fin. Andrew D., 105 (Leer)..... 5-1 7-5 1 1/2 1/4 Paoli, 105 (St. Jones)..... 4-1 7-5 4 2 1/2 Circular, 100 (H. Jones)..... 3-1 2-1 2 1/2 1/4 Cherokee, 97 (McKnight)..... 4-1 7-5 4 2 1/2 Comptrol, 105 (Graham)..... 2-1 2-1 2-1

After a few moments' delay the flag fell with Andrew D. in front. He was followed by Paoli, who was a length and a half, which he held until the stretch, where he was easily won by a length and a half. Time—1:21 1/2.

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Five and a half furlongs.

Starters. Betting, St. Hill. Fin. Valkyrie, 115 (Cobley)..... 2-5 out 5 18 1/4 Area Lily, 115 (Manlove)..... 3-1 2-1 4 2 1/4 May Irving, 101 (O'Brien)..... 4-1 7-5 3 1/2 1/4 Circle, 105 (Leer)..... 4-1 7-5 4 2 1/2 Adalgisa, 105 (Graham)..... 2-1 2-1 2-1

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Manlove sent Samartian to the front soon after the start and he led the rest of the way, winning handily by a neck from Hyman, who beat Blackie eight lengths for second money. Time—1:30.

DEAD IN HIS BOAT.

Capt. Conover Dies from Heart Failure While Fishing.

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., Sept. 26.—The dead body of Capt. Isaac Conover, of this city, was found in his fishing boat this morning a mile out at sea. All the signs of life were lost when the boat was picked up. Heart failure was the cause of his death. Hewas sixty years old.

The next instant Bourke Cockran was on his feet, telling the Convention to disregard Hill's declination and to make him the candidate.

Cockran finished by putting the question to the Convention, and the motion to nominate Hill was carried as with one voice.

Then the cheering broke forth again, louder than before.

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Senator Hill again stood unmoved, waiting until the cheering subsided, then he said calmly:

"The secretary will proceed with the call of the roll."

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"Unanimous consent is not sufficient to suspend a roll-call. Proceed with the call," said Senator Hill quietly.

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TO ACCEPT.

Democratic State Convention
Goes to Him in a Wild
Stampede.

LOCKWOOD FOR SECOND PLACE.

And Judge William J. Gaynor
Named by Acclamation for the
Court of Appeals.

EXCITING SCENES AT SARATOGA.

Bourke Cockran Tells the Delegates Not
to Heed Hill's Words of
Declination.

FOR GOVERNOR—David Bennett Hill, of Albany.
FOR LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR—Daniel N. Lockwood, of Buffalo.
FOR JUDGE OF THE COURT OF APPEALS—William J. Gaynor, of Brooklyn.

(Special to The Evening World.)

SARATOGA, Sept. 26.—United States Senator David B. Hill was nominated for Governor of New York State, by the Democratic Convention, to-day, under circumstances almost unparalleled in political history.

He was named first by acclamation, and then by unanimous vote of the delegates assembled.

And this in the face of his own repeated declaration that he would not be the party candidate.

John Boyd Thatcher had been agreed upon at a conference of party leaders as the slate candidate to head the ticket.

The party platform had been presented and adopted.

Galen R. Hitt, of Albany, had presented the name of Mr. Thatcher.

Then the storm broke.

A delegate from Allegany County, arose and moved the nomination of Hill by acclamation.

The effect was wonderful. The delegates arose as one man, and a cheer started which grew and grew and rolled and rolled until it seemed it would burst the walls of the building.

Senator Hill, as Chairman, stood with pale face and compressed lips awaiting an opportunity to be heard. When his chance came, he spoke to thank the Convention, but to insist that he could not be a candidate.

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boom. The report was circulated widely, and almost as widely believed, that David B. Hill had come out flatly and firmly for that gentleman. George Thatcher, after interviews with some of the leaders, had announced that John Boyd would "get it on the first ballot."

The confident manner in which this announcement was made created a profound sensation, for Thatcher, it is conceded, would not make so good a race as Gaynor, Hill or Whitney.

Just here rumor brought a new factor in to help increase the confusion. This rumor took first place on the ticket away from Greater New York by naming as Thatcher's running mate, Perry Belmont, of the metropolis.

This rumor, too, found credence, and they seemed a possibility of Thatcher and Belmont going on record as "the" slate, when another rumor cropped out. This time it was to the effect that Senator David B. Hill would arrange his cards so as to have it appear that the nomination was forced upon him, and then gracefully accept.

Rumor in this instance named Police Justice Thomas F. Grady, the silver-tongued, of New York, as the nominator. Right on the heels of this came rumors by brigades, and it was impossible to

keep track of them.

Later this slate was amended by the substitution of the name of ex-Senator Charles F. McClelland, of Westchester County, for that of Mr. Belmont, and it was given out that Mr. Belmont had refused second place on the ticket, because he wanted first place.

When the matter of McClelland's nomination began to be talked about, the impression grew that the Convention would get through with a rush and adjourn sine die before 5 o'clock.

"Our Challenge to the A. P. A."

At 12 noon, the hour fixed for the resumption of business by the delegates, the leader were still conferring. The crowd did not seem to mind the delay, and it was kept in good humor by the bands. Spectators and delegates joined in singing the words of the popular airs as soon as the bands struck up with them. The "Wearing of the Green" was cheered, and one delegate arose in his seat and shouted:

"There's our challenge to the A. P. A."

The Casino in which the Convention met is a barnlike structure, which was formerly used as a skating rink. It has not been used for several years, and had to be fitted up hastily for the occasion. A platform had to be constructed, and chairs and fixtures were borrowed from the hotels. Shafts of sunlight shone through the glass openings in the roof like a powerful search-light.

The weather outside was cool. Inside it was a true fall day.

Just before 12 o'clock the Fairchild delegates, who, rumor had it, were to be reported adversely upon by the Committee on Contested Seats, marched into the hall. They were escorted to seats inside the railing and yet in the rear of the hall.

Senator Hill entered the Convention Hall at 1:35 o'clock, and he was enthusiastically cheered by delegates and spectators. It was said that the Committee on Organization would name the Senator for Permanent Chairman.

In Mr. Hill's "stroke" came another rumor to the effect that the ticket would be:

For Governor—John Boyd Thatcher.
For Lieutenant-Governor—Charles F. McClelland, of Westchester.
For Judge of the Court of Appeals—Judge Titus, of Buffalo.

The convention was called to order by Senator Hill at 1:50 P. M.

Mr. Hill was continued as permanent Chairman.

The report of the Committee on Credentials was received. It was in favor of the sitting delegates.

The contestants then left the hall in a body.

As the Shepherds from Kings and the Grace delegates walked out, they were hissed, and as Uncle Dan Bradley passed a friend the friend shouted:

"Good-by, Senator."

"Yes; good-by, and good-by ticket," was the Brooklyn Senator's retort.

Andrew F. McNeill, of Kings, one of the contestants, alone remained of the Shepherds. He arose and announced his intention of giving loyal support to the ticket to be nominated. He was cheered.

Then Clerk De Forest began to read the platform.

The only clauses in the platform that were received vociferously was the one commencing with the name of ex-Senator Hill, and the one denouncing the A. P. A.

The Convention then proceeded to nominate a candidate for Governor. Senator Hill created some enthusiasm by reminding the delegates that in this Convention half two Democratic candidates for Governor were nominated and afterwards elected by the people.

Thatcher's Name Presented.

Ex-Assemblyman Galen R. Hitt, of Albany, took the floor and named John Boyd Thatcher in nomination.

Mr. Hitt began by saying that each delegate had come here free and untrammelled, free to exercise his choice. This, unlike the Republican Convention, was not controlled by one man. He would place before the Convention a Democrat of Democratic from the stronghold of Democracy, Albany County. He then named Mr. Thatcher in the following words:

A Biographical Nomination.

"Two weeks ago this very day, in the year 1871, in this county and within



WILLIAM J. GAYNOR

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DIRECTUM AT MYSTIC PARK.

The "Black Whirlwind" Easily Wins Two Straight Heats.

(By Associated Press.)

MYSTIC PARK, BEDFORD, Mass., Sept. 26.—One of the largest crowds that ever gathered beside a New England race track filled Mystic Park this noon to witness the great stallion race, in which Directum, Arion and Nelson contested for a purse of \$15,000. The track was in splendid condition, and the only drawback to a perfect racing day was a cold wind.

The first heat in the 2:30 class for four-year-olds, purse \$1,000, offered by the New England Jockey Association, under whose auspices the meet is being conducted, was won by Directum, who was ridden by James W. Clift, Time—2:30 1/2.

The second heat was won by X. L. with Zebrino second, and Maud Karr third. Time—2:30 1/4.

After the race the great stallion race opened with Directum the favorite by 2 to 1. Nelson was bought freely at 2 to 1 and Arion at 3 to 1.

The first heat in the great race was made in 2:12. Directum came in first, Nelson second, and Arion third. Time—2:12.

Directum also won the second heat easily. Time—2:12 1/4. Arion was second, and Nelson third.

Directum had the pole in the first heat. Arion was in second place, and Nelson was third. At the half-mile they were neck and neck, and as the horses passed under the wire Nelson was about half a length behind. At the three-quarter mile Directum had the lead by a neck; then Arion drew up and pushed ahead for a few lengths. At the half-mile they were neck and neck, with Nelson a length behind.

Directum finished the three-quarters with a good lead, with Nelson in his old position.

Wire half a length in the lead, with Arion second and Nelson third. The last length Nelson was given half a length ahead. At the quarter Nelson was a neck ahead of Directum, with Arion half a length behind. At the half Nelson continued half a length ahead of Directum, with Arion a length behind.

Directum forged ahead, and at the three-quarters was in the lead, with Arion and Nelson neck and neck behind. As they turned into the stretch Directum increased his lead, and under the wire he was a length ahead of Arion, who beat Nelson by a neck. Time—Quarter, 1:00; half, 1:08; three-quarters, 1:37; mile, 2:10.

Railroad Officers Elected.

The stockholders of the New York, Ontario and Western Railroad met to-day and re-elected the old board of directors. After the meeting Thomas P. Fowler was re-elected President; Arion Price, Vice-President; John D. Kern, General Counsel; Richard D. Richard, Secretary and Treasurer; and Messrs. Barrow, Wade, Gould and others were re-elected Auditors. James E. Childs was reappointed General Manager, and Charles B. Whalen was chosen Chairman of the Executive Committee.

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